



# U.S. National Arboretum

Agricultural Research Service  
U.S. Department of Agriculture

## Calendar of Events January - May 2003

### **Bonsai Wiring Workshop**

January 11, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
*National Bonsai and Penjing Museum  
Lecture Demonstration Center*

Learn to wire bonsai like the masters! Museum curator Jack Sustic demonstrates and explains the fundamentals and techniques of this very important aspect of bonsai. Bring your tools and tree for hands-on experience and reap the benefits of better health for and less stress to the tree. This workshop is recommended for bonsaiists on an intermediate level. Fee: \$20 (FONA \$16). Wire is provided. **Registration is required.**

### **Bonsai Winter Silhouette Exhibit**

January 18 - 26, 10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
*National Bonsai and Penjing Museum  
Special Exhibits Wing*

Take advantage of this limited opportunity to see a world famous bonsai collection in its winter attire. The elegant silhouettes of the Arboretum's deciduous bonsai will give you a new outlook on this ancient art form. Free.

### **Bonsai of Jeju Island, South Korea**

February 15, 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
*National Bonsai and Penjing Museum  
Lecture Demonstration Center*

Winter cold got you feeling blue? Join Jack Sustic, curator of the National Bonsai and Penjing Museum, for a virtual tour of the tropical island of Jeju, South Korea, and its world class bonsai collections. Fee: \$7 (FONA \$6). **Registration is required.**

### **Perennials that Beat the Heat**

February 22, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
*Administration Building Auditorium*

Plan a perennial garden from the toasty comfort of your easy chair. Martha Simon Pindale, president of Bluemont Nurseries, presents long-flowering, easy-care, perennials that will beat the heat and tolerate drought conditions. Fee: \$10 (FONA \$8).

**Registration is required.**

### **Introduction to Plant Color**

March 1, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
*Administration Building Classroom*

An introduction to basic color theory using the colors found in nature, this workshop with Sandy Austin, color expert and landscape designer, is invaluable to anyone who needs to accurately describe flower and foliage colors. Test your color vision and practice using color charts developed for professionals to use in color identification. Fee: \$20 (FONA \$16). **Registration is required.**

### **Stones Spring Eternal**

March 8 - 16, 10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
*National Bonsai and Penjing Museum  
Special Exhibits Wing*

Using material normally associated as cold, hard, impenetrable, and everlasting, this exhibit of *suiseki*, or viewing stones, from the Potomac Viewing Stone Group expresses the dawning of a warm season and its renewal. Select examples from the arboretum's collection will be included. Free.

# March

## Orchid Auction

March 15, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

*Administration Building Auditorium*

Co-sponsored by Friends of the National Arboretum

The National Capital Orchid Society returns to the arboretum for their annual orchid auction. Plants from large commercial growers and society members, many in bloom, are auctioned off to the highest bidder. Some unique crosses not available in the commercial trade are usually available, too. Make sure to allow time for previewing. Free.

## Suiseki: The Art of the Viewing Stone

March 16, 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

*National Bonsai and Penjing Museum*

*Lecture Demonstration Center*

A rapidly growing personal art form in the west, *suiseki* are stones with powerful evocative qualities that represent “worlds in miniature.” Potomac Viewing Stone Group member John Carlson presents a slide-illustrated lecture highlighting the history and elements of *suiseki*. Fee: \$10 (FONA \$8). **Registration is required.**

## Capture It! Night Photography Workshop

March 18, 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

*Administration Building Classroom and*

*Capitol Columns*

*Enter through R Street Gate*

Capture the arboretum on film as daylight fades into night during this workshop with award-winning photographer and teacher Joshua Taylor. This rare opportunity begins with an illustrated lecture on low-light photography and moves outdoors to shoot dramatic images of the moon-lit arboretum grounds, including the majestic Capitol columns and the full moon. The workshop will emphasize composition, exposure, and “tricks of the trade” for low-light photography. An equipment list will be provided with registration confirmation. Fee: \$40 (FONA \$32). **Registration is required.**

## The Music Garden:

### Interpretations of Bach with Yo-Yo Ma and Julie Moir Messervy

March 19, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

*Administration Building Auditorium*

*Enter through R Street Gate*

Co-sponsored by the Environmental Film Festival in the Nation's Capital

*The Music Garden* is an exploration of music as interpreted through gardening on a grand scale. The film follows the efforts of Yo-Yo Ma and landscape designer Julie Moir Messervy to create a formal garden based on J. S. Bach's Suite No. 1 for Unaccompanied Cello. Free. **Registration is required.**

## Bonsai Styling Workshop

March 22, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

*National Bonsai and Penjing Museum*

*Lecture Demonstration Center*

Afraid to trim your bonsai, but want to make it look better? Don't know what style it is? Bring your tree, tools, and wire to this workshop with curator Jack Sustic to learn and practice the essentials of bonsai styling. Fee: \$20 (FONA \$16). **Registration is required.**

## Insects and Gardeners: A Fresh Approach

March 23, 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

*Administration Building Auditorium*

Join Eric Grissell, USDA entomologist and award-winning author of *Insects and Gardens: In Pursuit of a Garden Ecology*, for a look at the positive services provided by the vast majority of insects in the garden. Using award-winning photography, Eric presents a unique way of looking at the interactions of gardens, gardeners, and insects and encourages gardeners to increase and conserve a garden's biological diversity to insure its natural stability. Eric will be available to sign his book following the slide presentation. Fee: \$10 (FONA \$8). **Registration is required.**

# March - April

## Native Plants: The Future of Earth's Garden 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Lahr Symposium

March 29, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
*Administration Building Auditorium*

The 17th Annual Lahr Symposium presents an outstanding day of ideas and tools for anyone concerned with landscapes designed and natural, personal and public, local and global. Ecologist **Emile DeVito** will explore the combined effects of forest fragmentation, urban sprawl, and un-managed wildlife on our remaining natural forests. **Elizabeth Watson**, executive director of Eastern Shore Heritage and co-author of the authoritative *Saving America's Countryside*, will explain how Heritage Area designation can help preserve natural resources as well as our cultural landscapes. **Janet Marinelli**, Director of Publishing at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, will share her reflections on American landscapes and "Gardening in the Age of Extinction." Concurrent sessions will address plant identification, the wonderful world of fungi, designing landscapes with water in mind, and designing native plant gardens and habitats that really work. Symposium registrants can shop early at the Native Plant Sale. **For program brochure, fees, and symposium registration form, call 202-245-5898 or visit [www.usna.usda.gov](http://www.usna.usda.gov).**

## Native Plant Sale

March 29, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
*Administration Building East Terrace*

The best native plant nurseries of the region gather to offer you a wide selection of nursery propagated native wildflowers, trees, shrubs, and more! A portion of the proceeds support the arboretum's Native Plant Collection.

## Bonsai Demonstrations

April 12, May 17 & May 18, 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
*National Bonsai and Penjing Museum  
Lecture Demonstration Center*

Drop in on one of these informal demonstrations and learn basic bonsai techniques as our bonsai expert transforms a nursery plant into a beautiful bonsai. Free. No registration required.

## A Dog's Life:

### Enjoy Spring with Your Best Friend

March 30, 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

*Follow signs from R Street entrance to the  
Grove of State Trees*

Bring your canine pal and join other dog lovers on a stroll through the arboretum with Beth Finney, horticulturist. Beginning at the Grove of State Trees, this walk will focus on proper etiquette for pets in a public garden and highlight some of the arboretum's history. All pets must be on a 6' leash, stay on the paths, and be cleaned up after. Please indicate how many dogs you will be bringing. Fee: \$7 per person (FONA \$6). **Registration is required.**

## Nature and the Great Outdoors:

### A Photography Workshop

April 5 and 12, 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

*Administration Building Classroom and Fern Valley*

Learn to photograph the arboretum's landscape and wildlife in an artistic way during this two-part workshop with Joshua Taylor, award-winning photographer and teacher. The first session of the workshop emphasizes composition and the use of basic photographic equipment followed by an outdoor shooting session through Fern Valley. Return for the second session with developed photography for an instructional critique of the previous week's work. An equipment list will be provided with registration confirmation. Fee: \$60 (FONA \$48). **Registration is required.**

## What's Up? Spring in Fern Valley

April 12, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

*Meet at Fern Valley Native Plant Collection*

Enjoy native spring wildflowers on this tour through Fern Valley. Curator Joan Feely guides participants on this enchanting exploration of the arboretum's Native Plant Collection. Free. **Registration is required.**

# April

## Care of Landscape Conifers

April 12, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

*Gotelli Dwarf and Slow Growing Conifer Collection*

Join curator Sue Martin for an in-the-garden classroom experience to learn how to care for landscape conifers. Homeowners, advanced gardeners, and collectors will receive practical instruction and experience in pruning, plant grooming, reversioning, planting, and general care of dwarf conifers used in the landscape. Handouts for home reference will be provided. Fee: \$10 (FONA \$8). **Registration is required.**

## Bonsai Repotting Workshop

April 13, 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

*National Bonsai and Penjing Museum*

*Lecture Demonstration Center*

Does your bonsai need a boost? Is it in the right pot? What type of soil should it be in? Join assistant curator Jim Hughes for this hands-on workshop focused on horticultural and design issues during the repotting process. In addition to a lecture, students will have an opportunity to repot their own bonsai under the watchful eye, and with the support of, our experts. Soil mix will be provided. Fee: \$20 (FONA \$16). **Registration is required.**

## Ikebana International Flower Show

April 18 - 27, 10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

*National Bonsai and Penjing Museum*

*International Pavilion and Special Exhibits Wing*

Ikebana International, Washington, D.C., Chapter, returns for an annual exhibit of ikebana, the art of Japanese flower arrangement. The show features both modern and traditional styles of ikebana by the area's most talented ikebana artists. A variety of ikebana schools will be featured, including: Chiko, Enshu, Ichiyo, Ikenobo, Ohara, and Sogetsu. Master teachers will give demonstrations of ikebana on April 19, 20, 26, and 27 at 1:00 p.m. in the Lecture Demonstration Center. Free.

## Azalea Twilight Tour

April 24, 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. or

May 2, 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

*Meet outside the Administration Building*

*Enter through R Street Gate*

Want to experience thousands of azaleas in bloom, but can't deal with the crowds? Now's your chance to enjoy the ethereal beauty of azaleas in full bloom and learn the history of our collection during this intimate, after-hours stroll with curator Barbara Bullock. Fee: \$7 (FONA \$6). **Registration is required.**

## FONA Garden Fair & Plant Sale

April 26, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

*New York Avenue Parking Lot*

As always, this early season shopping extravaganza promises thousands of plants, including the arboretum's introductions—plants developed for their outstanding ornamental qualities and disease resistance. Horticultural experts will answer questions. Proceeds support the National Arboretum's internship program. FONA members and volunteers may shop one day early from 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Free admission and parking.

## Navigating the Sea of Azaleas

April 27, 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

*Administration Building Auditorium*

Not just great foundation plants, azaleas herald spring with waves of vibrant color. Join curator Barbara Bullock for a slide-illustrated lecture covering the history of the azalea collection on Mt. Hamilton, as well as the care and culture of azaleas in the suburban landscape. Get tips for navigating through our collection of thousands and spend some time on your own after the lecture enjoying these gorgeous specimens in full bloom. Fee: \$10 (FONA \$8). **Registration is required.**

# April - May

## **Fern Valley Twilight Tour**

May 1, 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

*Meet at Fern Valley Native Plant Collection*

*Enter through R Street Gate*

Experience Earth's renewal and rejuvenation as spring explodes through Fern Valley. Curator Joan Feely guides participants through the native plant collection, highlighting the sights and smells of the season's choicest native plants during this special after-hours tour. Fee: \$7 (FONA \$6). **Registration is required.**

## **Bonsai In-Sites**

May 2 - 11, 10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

*National Bonsai and Penjing Museum*

*Special Exhibits Wing*

Co-sponsored by National Bonsai Foundation, Potomac Bonsai Association, Friends of the National Arboretum and Baltimore Clayworks

This ground-breaking exhibition merges two art forms—contemporary ceramics and bonsai—by displaying classically trained bonsai in unique containers designed by world-renowned ceramic artists. Fundamental to the art of bonsai is the concept that a tree's container should complement it, never overshadow it. In this tradition-defying show, sixteen extraordinary containers demand their share of attention. Judge for yourself if this new relationship works. Free. **A catalogue of the exhibit is available by calling 202-396-3510.**

## **Plant Society Shows & Sale**

*Administration Building Auditorium*

### **Camellia Society of the Potomac Valley**

April 12, 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

April 13, 12:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

### **Potomac Valley Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society**

May 10, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

### **Azalea Society of America, Brookside Garden Chapter**

May 11, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

## **Potomac Bonsai Association Exhibit & Sale**

May 2, 12:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

May 3, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

May 4, 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

*Administration Building Auditorium and Tent*

Co-sponsored by Friends of the National Arboretum

See some of the area's finest privately-owned bonsai and purchase your own bonsai and supplies. Bonsai demonstrations on Saturday and Sunday. Free.

## **Designing with Color**

May 4 or 7, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

*Administration Building Classroom*

The beautiful flower colors of the arboretum's extensive azalea collection form the basis of many springtime color schemes. During this one-day workshop you will learn color theory, test your color vision, and work the different color groups of azaleas into your landscape and flower arranging plans. During a collection tour with curator Barbara Bullock, students will select favorite blossoms and return with them to the classroom to develop creative color schemes. All materials will be provided. Fee: \$65 (FONA \$52). **Registration is required.**

## **Japanese Garden Design and Concepts**

May 17, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

*Administration Building Auditorium*

Bill Stufflebeem of Denver Botanic Gardens presents the concepts, history, and design of Japanese style gardens through a slide-illustrated interpretation of the Denver Botanic Garden's Japanese Garden. Fee: \$10 (FONA \$8). **Registration is required.**

## **Satsuki Azalea Bonsai Exhibit**

May 24 - June 1, 10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

*National Bonsai and Penjing Museum*

*Special Exhibits Wing*

Breathtaking blossoms cover these late-blooming azaleas, miniature in form, but covered with full-sized flowers. This annual exhibit showcases the most spectacular examples from the arboretum's permanent and the curator's collections. Free.

# Calendar at a Glance

## January

11 Saturday, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
 18 Saturday, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
 18 Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Bonsai Wiring  
 Full Moon Hike  
 Bonsai Winter Silhouettes

Workshop (\$)  
 Tour (\$)  
 Exhibit (thru 1/26)

## February

15 Saturday, 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
 15 Saturday, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
 22 Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Bonsai of Jeju Island, South Korea  
 Full Moon Hike  
 Perennials that Beat the Heat

Lecture (\$)  
 Tour (\$)  
 Lecture (\$)

## March

1 Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.  
 8 Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
 15 Saturday, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
 16 Sunday, 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
 17 Monday, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
 18 Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
 18 Tuesday, 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
 19 Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
 22 Saturday, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
 23 Sunday, 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
 29 Saturday, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
 29 Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
 30 Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

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Workshop (\$)  
 Exhibit (thru 3/16)  
 Auction  
 Lecture (\$)  
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 Lecture (\$)  
 Symposium (\$)  
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 Tour (\$)

## April

5 Saturday, 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  
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 16 Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
 18 Friday, 10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
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Workshop (\$)  
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 Exhibit (thru 4/27)  
 Tour (\$)  
 Sale  
 Lecture (\$)

## May

1 Thursday, 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
 2 Friday, 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
 2 Friday, 10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
 2 Friday, 12:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
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 4 Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
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Tour (\$)  
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 Exhibit (thru 5/11)  
 Exhibit & Sale  
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 Workshop (\$)  
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 Tour (\$)  
 Lecture (\$)  
 Demo  
 Tour (\$)  
 Demo  
 Exhibit (thru 6/1)

(\$ ) indicates programs with a fee

# Full Moon Hikes & Registration Form

## Fabulous Full Moon Hikes

January 18, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

March 17, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

April 15, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

May 16, 8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

*Enter through the R Street gate*

February 15, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

March 18, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

April 16, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

May 17, 8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Join us for this very popular, magical hike through moonlit gardens and collections. Enjoy scents and sounds as you experience the arboretum by the light of the moon. At special stops, your guide shares selected arboretum and horticultural facts. Wear good walking shoes and dress for the weather as this is a 5-mile, mildly strenuous hike. Not recommended for children. Fee: \$10 (FONA \$8). Registration is limited to 4 persons per party. Maximum participants: 30. **These hikes fill fast, register now.**

### Registration Form

- ☐ Provide a separate check or money order for each event; Do not send cash.
- ☐ Make checks payable to (U.S. National Arboretum).
- ☐ If the event is full, you will receive notification and your check will be returned.
- ☐ Refunds will be given only for events canceled by the U.S. National Arboretum.
- ☐ Registration by phone is only permitted during the week prior to an event.

Name (please print)			
Address			
		Work Telephone Number	
Home Telephone Number			
E-mail address		FONA Member? Yes or No (Circle one)	
Event Title	Date & Time	# of Persons	Fee

Mail form to: U.S. National Arboretum  
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Attn: Event Registration, EVSU

For information on FONA membership,  
please call the FONA office: (202) 544-8733  
or visit [www.fona.org](http://www.fona.org)

## Tram rides resume mid-April



Ride the tram and see all of the arboretum's 446 acres of plant collections, gardens, research plots, and natural areas in comfort. Hear the story of your National Arboretum and get the inside "dirt" during this 40-minute, non-stop highlights tour.

Hours: 10:30 a.m.\*, 11:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m. (peak season only)

\* may be presold as a group reservation

### \*\*\*WEEKENDS ONLY\*\*\*

Adults: \$4

FONA Members & Seniors: \$3

Children (4-16): \$2

Children under 4 years: Free (must share seat with adult if tram is full)

The tram may be reserved for your group. For more information, please call the Administrative Clerk at (202) 245-4544.

*The Arboretum tram operates on weekends from mid-April through mid-October.*

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